THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) This Ministry is concerned with the improvement and up keep of National Highways and improvement of identified State Roads, General Staff Roads Strategic Roads and roads under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in the North Eastern (SARDP-NE) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme *viz.* Central Road Fund (CRF), Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) & Economic Importance (EI). The number of projects currently in progress and the time frame for their completion under National Highway (Original), SARDP-NE and the project of ISC/EI is given in the statement (*See* below). In respect of the work of State roads funded under CRF, 21 works aggregating to about 170 km. length of State roads are in progress. Ministry does not stipulate completion date for CRF works and it is decided by the State Government, depending upon the availability of funds.

Statement

Road Projects in Arunachal Pradesh

List of projects currently in progress and time frame for their completion under national highway

Sl. No.	Category	Nos.	Length in km.	Time frame for completion up to
1	National Highway (Original)	3	25.485	March, 2010
2	SARDP-NE	6	102.850	March, 2010
3	Inter-State Connectivity/ Economic Importance Schemes	4	54.715	March, 2010

Funds for maintenance of NHs

†737.MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds given per kilometer to the States for maintenance of National Highways (NHs) and the norms set in this regard;

(b) the details of funds given by Government in last three years, State-wise;

(e) whether all the States have been provided equal funds for maintenance of NHs as per the norms; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and whether States including Madhya Pradesh also would be provided equal funds as per the norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The funds for Maintenance & Repair (M&R) of National Highways (NHs) are allocated to the States under Ordinary Repairs (OR), Periodical Renewal (PR), Special Repairs (SR) and Emergent Repairs for carrying out M&R activities such as routine maintenance, provision of renewal coat to the wearing surface at a predetermined frequency, urgent repair works and immediate repairs to roads affected by heavy rains, floods, cyclone, landslides, etc. on the basis of the prescribed norms of the Ministry, overall availability of funds and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the actual requirements of States for taking up various M&R works. The Ministry's norms for allocation of funds for M&R per km. length of NH are based on the lane configurations of NHs, terrain conditions, rainfall intensity, cost of materials, traffic density, etc. The State-wise details of funds allocated during the last three years for M&R of NHs is given in Statement.

Statement

State-wise allocation of funds for Maintenance & Repairs of National Highways during the last three years (2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08)

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

		Allocation for M&R of NHs		
Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	39.07	61.19	78.13
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.21	0.30	0.37
3	Assam	30.84	25.98	41.62
4	Bihar	47.66	34.34	29.90
5	Chandigarh	0.52	0.66	0.98
6	Chhattisgarh	20.55	24.15	27.19
7	Delhi	0.44	0.03	0.00
8	Goa	4.66	3.51	4.92
9	Gujarat	38.62	33.99	40.27
10	Haryana	15.43	24.27	18.13
11	Himachal Pradesh	23.27	18.90	17.70
12	Jammu and Kashmir	0.12	0.00	0.00
13	Jharkhand	21.37	22.27	27.82
14	Karnataka	42.44	39.88	59.45
15	Kerala	34.59	19.30	27.36
16	Madhya Pradesh	56.48	51.70	59.03
17	Maharashtra	52.60	59.54	63.16
18	Manipur	10.87	3.04	14.30
19	Meghalaya	10.69	9.84	13.39
20	Mizoram	5.52	5.19	7.25
21	Nagaland	4.01	3.91	7.43

1	2	3	4	5
22	Orissa	40.92	43.70	50.51
23	Pondicherry	0.77	0.94	0.91
24	Punjab	21.76	17.44	23.82
25	Rajasthan	54.99	67.58	70.57
26	Tamil Nadu	54.30	25.67	30.16
27	Uttar Pradesh	51.18	45.63	62.48
28	Uttaranchal	16.10	15.80	19.10
29	West Bengal	29.87	18.50	24.08

Proposal for national waterways in Andhra Pradesh

738. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposals from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to declare as National Waterways the river Godavari between Bhadrachalam and Rajamundry; river Krishna from Wazirabad to Prakasham Barrage, integrated with Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal and Buckingham canal as National Waterways;

(b) if so, the latest status of the proposal;

(c) the conclusions of the study made by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) in this regard; and

(d) by when this proposal is likely to be given clearance?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Government of India is considering a proposal to declare Wazirabad-Vijayawada stretch of Krishna river, Bhadraehalam - Rajahmundry stretch of Godavari river along with Kakinada-Puducherry canals (consisting of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commamur canal, Buckingham canal and Kaluvelly tank) having total length of 1095 km. as a National Waterway. The Bill for declaration of this Waterway as National Waterway had been introduced in Lok Sabha on 8.12.06 and subsequently referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture for its examination and report. The Committee in its 122nd Report of August 2007 has recommended to introduce the Bill in Parliament after taking fresh concurrence from the concerned State Governments. The Bill is being taken up for consideration and passing during the current Session of the Parliament.

(c) The study taken up by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) reveals that the said waterway system has the potential to be developed as a National Waterway with Financial Internal Rate of Return (FIRR) of 13.54%. The projected cargo is 6.42 million tonnes in 10th year after the waterway is fully developed. The estimated cost of development is Rs 542 crore at 2002 prices and the expected period of completion is 5 years after its declaration as National Waterway.